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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1987

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	APRIL 1987	MARCH 1987	FEBRUARY 1987	APRIL 1986
Total civilian labor force [a/]	13,761	13,655	13,626	13,284
Total civilian employment	12,959	12,833	12,779	12,386
Total unemployment	802	822	847	898
Seasonally adjusted rate (%)	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.8
Range [b/]	5.2-6.4	5.4-6.6	5.5-6.9	6.1-7.5
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	6.3	6.6	6.7	7.1
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force [a/]	13,690	13,624	13,563	13,209
Total civilian employment	12,900	12,764	12,654	12,325
Total unemployment	790	860	909	884
Unadjusted rate (%)	5.8	6.3	6.7	6.7
Range [b/]	5.2-6.4	5.7-6.9	6.0-7.4	6.0-7.4

a/ Total labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.
b/ Range as shown is at the 90% level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April was 5.8 percent, down 0.2 percent from March 1987. This is the lowest rate in over 10 years. A year ago, in April 1986, the rate was 6.8 percent. Seasonally adjusted employment was 12,959,000, up by 126,000 jobs over the month, while unemployment was 802,000, down by 20,000. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by three-tenths of a percent to 6.3 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 43,800 from 11,498,600 in March 1987 to 11,542,400 in April 1987. The largest gain in employment was in the construction sector. Seventy-five percent of the growth in this sector occurred in heavy construction and special trade contracting. Reflecting California's continuing service industry growth, there was a month-to-month increase of 10,800 jobs in this sector. The largest non-seasonally adjusted increases occurred in amusement and recreation services, followed by business services. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing were $432.68 during March 1987.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA*
(Numbers in Thousands)
Data Are Not Seasonally Adjusted

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	APRIL 1987	MARCH 1987	FEBRUARY 1987	APRIL 1986
Total				
Labor Force	13,690	13,624	13,563	13,209
Employed	12,900	12,764	12,654	12,325
Unemployed	790	860	909	884
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.3	6.7	6.7
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	7,276	7,214	7,192	7,130
Employed	6,899	6,787	6,748	6,699
Unemployed	377	427	444	432
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.9	6.2	6.1
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,631	5,627	5,594	5,361
Employed	5,336	5,339	5,286	5,040
Unemployed	295	288	308	321
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.1	5.5	6.0
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	783	784	776	717
Employed	664	639	620	586
Unemployed	119	145	156	131
Unemployment Rate	15.2	18.5	20.1	18.2
White				
Labor Force	11,676	11,528	11,494	11,421
Employed	11,044	10,835	10,765	10,702
Unemployed	632	693	729	719
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.0	6.3	6.3
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	2,014	2,096	2,069	1,788
Employed	1,856	1,929	1,889	1,622
Unemployed	158	167	180	165
Unemployment Rate	8.0	8.0	8.7	9.2

*Data supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data are available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS* OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS
IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
California	$432.68	$429.07	$414.10	40.4	40.1	40.4	$10.71	$10.70	$10.25

*Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates, but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR APRIL (PRELIMINARY)
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
--DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY--

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	YEAR AGO	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	APR87	MAR87	APR86	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	11542.4	11498.6	11189.7	43.8	352.7	0.4	3.2
MINING	38.9	38.8	43.5	0.1	-4.6	0.3	-10.6
METAL MINING	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.0	10.5
FUEL MINING	30.2	30.3	34.9	-0.1	-4.7	-0.3	-13.5
NONMETAL MINING	6.6	6.4	6.7	0.2	-0.1	3.1	-1.5
CONSTRUCTION	542.2	530.8	502.0	11.4	40.2	2.1	8.0
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	143.6	140.8	133.5	2.8	10.1	2.0	7.6
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION	70.3	65.9	66.2	4.4	4.1	6.7	6.2
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	328.3	324.1	302.3	4.2	26.0	1.3	8.6
MANUFACTURING	2067.2	2064.3	2053.6	2.9	13.6	0.1	0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	653.0	651.7	638.5	1.3	14.5	0.2	2.3
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	167.7	164.8	161.8	2.9	5.9	1.8	3.6
CANNED, CURED, FROZEN SEAFOODS	5.0	4.8	5.4	0.2	-0.4	4.2	-7.4
PRESERVED FRUITS & VEGETABLES	47.4	45.0	44.4	2.4	3.0	5.3	6.8
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	115.3	115.0	112.0	0.3	3.3	0.3	2.9
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	15.1	15.3	14.7	-0.2	0.4	-1.3	2.7
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILE PRODS	119.1	120.2	115.2	-1.1	3.9	-0.9	3.4
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.0	39.8	39.7	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	145.0	145.2	142.4	-0.2	2.6	-0.1	1.8
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	64.8	64.6	63.2	0.2	1.6	0.3	2.5
PETROLEUM & COAL PRODUCTS	25.9	26.1	27.7	-0.2	-1.8	-0.8	-6.5
RUBBER & MISC PLASTIC PRODUCTS	68.1	68.4	66.6	-0.3	1.5	-0.4	2.3
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	7.3	7.3	7.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.4
DURABLE GOODS	1414.2	1412.6	1415.1	1.6	-0.9	0.1	-0.1
LUMBER & WOOD PROD EXC FURNITURE	61.8	59.3	56.9	2.5	4.9	4.2	8.6
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	57.8	58.4	57.5	-0.6	0.3	-1.0	0.5
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	52.3	52.0	51.5	0.3	0.8	0.6	1.6
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	41.5	41.7	40.8	-0.2	0.7	-0.5	1.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	137.3	137.8	137.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1
MACHINERY EXC ELECTRICAL	208.8	209.6	213.0	-0.8	-4.2	-0.4	-2.0
ELECTRICAL EQUIP & SUPPLIES	395.3	394.6	401.5	0.7	-6.2	0.2	-1.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	314.2	313.2	310.2	1.0	4.0	0.3	1.3
MOTOR VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	34.7	34.5	34.6	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.3
AIRCRAFT AND PARTS	176.6	175.4	169.3	1.2	7.3	0.7	4.3
SHIP & BOAT BLDG & REPAIRING	13.1	13.8	17.0	-0.7	-3.9	-5.1	-22.9
GUIDED MISS, SPACE VEHICLES PTS	79.5	79.3	78.6	0.2	0.9	0.3	1.1
OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	10.3	10.2	10.7	0.1	-0.4	1.0	-3.7
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	111.7	112.3	112.6	-0.6	-0.9	-0.5	-0.8
MISC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	33.5	33.7	33.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	583.3	580.1	568.9	3.2	14.4	0.6	2.5
TRANSPORTATION	337.0	334.6	324.7	2.4	12.3	0.7	3.8
RAILROADS	21.5	21.5	22.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-3.2
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	141.6	140.1	132.7	1.5	8.9	1.1	6.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	173.9	173.0	169.8	0.9	4.1	0.5	2.4
COMMUNICATIONS	162.6	162.1	162.0	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	83.7	83.4	82.2	0.3	1.5	0.4	1.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	2762.8	2756.0	2659.8	6.8	103.0	0.2	3.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	709.0	706.6	686.6	2.4	22.4	0.3	3.3
RETAIL TRADE	2053.8	2049.4	1973.2	4.4	80.6	0.2	4.1
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	237.3	239.7	232.7	-2.4	4.6	-1.0	2.0
FOOD STORES	286.9	287.2	277.5	-0.3	9.4	-0.1	3.4
OTHER RETAIL TRADE	1529.6	1522.5	1463.0	7.1	66.6	0.5	4.6
FINANCE INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	784.4	781.9	758.4	2.5	26.0	0.3	3.4
FINANCE	373.2	371.9	365.3	1.3	7.9	0.3	2.2
INSURANCE AGTS CARRIERS BRKRS	214.5	213.8	206.4	0.7	8.1	0.3	3.9
REAL ESTATE	177.5	176.8	167.7	0.7	9.8	0.4	5.8
COMB HOLDING & OTHER INVEST CO	19.2	19.4	19.0	-0.2	0.2	-1.0	1.1
SERVICES	2859.2	2848.4	2740.6	10.8	118.6	0.4	4.3
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	161.4	159.9	149.0	1.5	12.4	0.9	8.3
PERSONAL SERVICES	122.7	123.0	119.6	-0.3	3.1	-0.2	2.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	713.4	709.9	673.0	3.5	40.4	0.5	6.0
AUTO AND MISC REPAIR SERVICES	167.9	167.3	161.9	0.6	6.0	0.4	3.7
MOTION PICTURES	78.3	82.3	75.4	-4.0	2.9	-4.9	3.8
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	123.5	118.5	117.1	5.0	6.4	4.2	5.5
HEALTH SERVICES	692.7	690.2	667.8	2.5	24.9	0.4	3.7
OTHER SERVICES	799.3	797.3	776.8	2.0	22.5	0.3	2.9
GOVERNMENT	1904.4	1898.3	1862.9	6.1	41.5	0.3	2.2
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	344.3	343.4	346.3	0.9	-2.0	0.3	-0.6
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1560.1	1554.9	1516.6	5.2	43.5	0.3	2.9
COUNTY	240.5	239.7	235.7	0.8	4.8	0.3	2.0
CITY	203.5	202.5	199.4	1.0	4.1	0.5	2.1
EDUCATION	834.4	832.4	808.8	2.0	25.6	0.2	3.2
EDUCATION STATE	163.5	163.0	157.1	0.5	6.4	0.3	4.1
EDUCATION LOCAL	670.9	669.4	651.7	1.5	19.2	0.2	2.9
OTHER STATE & LOCAL	281.7	280.3	272.7	1.4	9.0	0.5	3.3
STATE EXC ED	186.5	185.3	180.3	1.2	6.2	0.6	3.4
SPECIAL DISTRICT	95.2	95.0	92.4	0.2	2.8	0.2	3.0
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	307.5	255.0	313.6	52.5	-6.1	20.6	-1.9

SOURCE: EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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TABLE 5

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
MARCH 1987

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	13623800	12764000	859800	6.3
ALAMEDA	653000	618700	34300	5.3
ALPINE	875	850	25	3.0
AMADOR	9425	8725	700	7.5
BUTTE	68525	61625	6900	10.1
CALAVERAS	9650	8650	1000	10.3
COLUSA	6675	5525	1150	17.1
CONTRA COSTA	389000	368100	20900	5.4
DEL NORTE	6950	5900	1050	15.0
EL DORADO	56200	53000	3200	5.7
FRESNO	287200	247000	40200	14.0
GLENN	10125	8650	1475	14.5
HUMBOLDT	48600	43900	4700	9.6
IMPERIAL	39700	32000	7700	19.4
INYO	8700	8125	575	6.6
KERN	223700	194400	29300	13.1
KINGS	31275	27325	3950	12.7
LAKE	16450	14275	2175	13.3
LASSEN	9375	8300	1075	11.5
LOS ANGELES	4176000	3916000	260000	6.2
MADERA	31850	27675	4175	13.1
MARIN	125100	121000	4100	3.3
MARIPOSA	6250	5750	500	7.8
MENDOCINO	33625	30025	3600	10.7
MERCED	71075	60825	10250	14.4
MODOC	4050	3625	425	10.6
MONO	5425	5150	275	5.0
MONTEREY	150400	133600	16800	11.2
NAPA	54000	51200	2800	5.2
NEVADA	27950	26050	1900	6.8
ORANGE	1298500	1255400	43100	3.3
PLACER	69700	65900	3800	5.5
PLUMAS	8175	6800	1375	16.9
RIVERSIDE	384500	361400	23100	6.0
SACRAMENTO	467400	440400	27000	5.8
SAN BENITO	15075	12500	2575	17.0
SAN BERNARDINO	509300	483600	25700	5.0
SAN DIEGO	1045200	997800	47400	4.5
SAN FRANCISCO	401400	382700	18700	4.7
SAN JOAQUIN	184800	163000	21800	11.8
SAN LUIS OBISPO	89950	85600	4350	4.8
SAN MATEO	348900	337300	11600	3.3
SANTA BARBARA	179000	169500	9500	5.3
SANTA CLARA	803800	763500	40300	5.0
SANTA CRUZ	116800	106100	10700	9.1
SHASTA	53200	46775	6425	12.1
SIERRA	1375	1150	225	16.8
SISKIYOU	17250	14725	2525	14.6
SOLANO	129700	120600	9100	7.0
SONOMA	181600	171600	10000	5.5
STANISLAUS	146500	124800	21700	14.8
SUTTER	25350	20875	4475	17.6
TEHAMA	17150	15350	1800	10.4
TRINITY	4825	4000	825	17.1
TULARE	129050	111500	17550	13.6
TUOLUMNE	16725	15050	1675	10.0
VENTURA	332500	313900	18600	5.6
YOLO	67500	61600	5900	8.8
YUBA	17275	14650	2625	15.1

* NOTE: IMPERIAL COUNTY ESTIMATES ARE LOWER BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY 1986 REPORT DUE TO A CHANGE IN METHOD OF ESTIMATING UNEMPLOYMENT.
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.
DATA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.